



WECEC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE CENTER

Wilmington

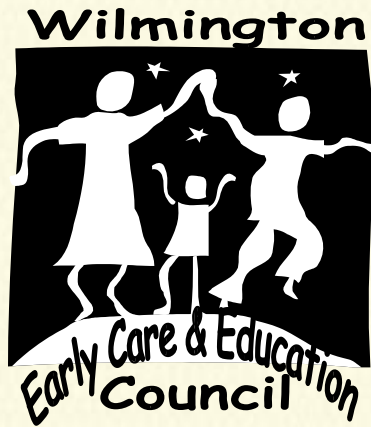


Early Care & Education
Council

MISSION

The mission of the WECEC-Professional Development Resource Center is to increase the educational success for children birth to 8 in Wilmington by enhancing the quality of early care opportunities.





The Wilmington Early Care & Education Council (WECEC), presides over the Professional Development Resource Center

In 2001 there were 285 home-based family childcare providers, and 30 childcare centers. It was found that educational tools and materials that enhanced program performance were inaccessible. To help fill the void, Mayor James M Baker and the Wilmington City Council created the Wilmington Early Care and Education Council (WECEC), and from that birthed, what is known today as the Professional Development Resource Center.

Helping to Fulfill the Void

Technical Assistance

- TECE I & II Scholarships Opportunities-\$5,000 for fiscal year
- * Career Advancement Opportunities
- * Professional Support Groups
- * Quality Training Workshop Partnership & Conferences
- * Mentoring
- * Referrals

Lending Library

- * Access to Laminator, Die Press & Copy Machines
- * Administrative Reference Books
- * Bookbinding Machine
- * Community Outreach
- * Computer & Internet Use
- * Resources & Teaching Toys & Tools

Resource Materials



Resource Books



Through a continuing collaboration with the City of Wilmington and the Division of Social Services, the Professional Development Resource Center, is maintained at Warner Elementary school.

CELEBRATIONS & HONORING EARLY CHILD CARE COMMUNITY



Celebrations include:

- Collaborative high quality Training
- Provider Appreciation Celebration
- 5 STAR Providers Gift Packs





Outreach also includes assisting Homecare Providers with implementing fun, physical, activities from quality training, and promoting literacy by gifting free children's books to parents and children at family events.

The WECEC-Professional Development Resource Center partners and memberships include:

- Early Care and Educational Providers, parents
- Red Clay Consolidated School District
- Christina School District, Charter Schools serving the City of Wilmington
- Institutions of Higher Education serving the city of Wilmington
- Department of Education, representatives from the Office of the Mayor
- Office of City Council
- Office of Child Care Licensing
- Division of Social Services
- DAEYC
- Delaware Early Care and Education Office and friends

